

U.S. Application No. 09/844,625, filed April 27, 2001
Attorney Docket No. 15979US01
Response AF dated June 1, 2007
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REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-7, 10-15 and 24-28 stand rejected. Claims 8 and 9 are merely objected to. Claims 16-23 are allowed.

Claims 16-23

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication by the Examiner that claims 16-23 are allowed.

Applicant has amended claims 16-23 to correct noted informalities.

Applicant has also deleted “wherein the personal computer does not have to be aware of the first protocol to be in communication with the device” from claim 16. It is evident that the Examiner believes that the recited elements “wherein the personal computer does not have to be aware of the first protocol to be in communication with the device” are obvious in view of the cited prior art. Although Applicant strongly disagrees with the Examiner for at least the reasons as set forth in the patent application, the prior art of record and the prosecution history as a whole, Applicant has deleted these recited elements.

Since the Examiner does not believe that these recited elements constitute patentable subject matter, the deletion of these recited elements should not affect the allowance of claims 16-23.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 16-23 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-6, 9 and 10

Claims 8 and 9 were merely objected to.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication by the Examiner that claims 8 and 9 recite patentable subject matter.

Claim 8, which recites patentable subject matter, depends from claim 7 which, in turn, depends from independent claim 1.

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Applicant has amended claim 1 to include at least some of the elements as set forth in claims 7 and 8. It is believed that claim 1 recites the subject matter of claims 7 and 8 that was considered by the Examiner to be patentable.

Applicant has also amended claims 1-6, 9 and 10 to correct noted informalities.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-6, 9 and 10 are in condition for allowance.

Applicant has also deleted “wherein the electronic system does not have to be aware of the first protocol to be in communication with the device” from claim 1. It is evident that the Examiner believes that the recited elements “wherein the electronic system does not have to be aware of the first protocol to be in communication with the device” are obvious in view of the cited prior art. Although Applicant strongly disagrees with the Examiner for at least the reasons as set forth in the patent application, the prior art of record and the prosecution history as a whole, Applicant has deleted these recited elements.

Since the Examiner does not believe that these recited elements constitute patentable subject matter, the deletion of these recited elements should not affect the allowance of claims 1-6, 9 and 10.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-6, 9 and 10 are in condition for allowance.

Other Claims

To place the application in condition for allowance, Applicant has cancelled, without prejudice, claims 7, 8, 11-15 and 24-28.

Applicant respectfully reserves the right to prosecute the cancelled subject matter without prejudice in a continuing or related application.

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Conclusion

Applicant does not necessarily agree or disagree with the Examiner's characterization of the documents made of record, either alone or in combination, or the Examiner's characterization of recited claim elements. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully reserves the right to argue the characterization of the documents of record, either alone or in combination, to argue what is allegedly well known, allegedly obvious or allegedly disclosed, or the characterization of the recited claim elements should that need arise in the future.

In view of at least the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should anything remain in order to place the present application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, any fee deficiencies and any credit overpayments to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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